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In re Application of:)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached, together with copies of foreign Office Actions issued in a foreign counterpart of the application.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 11-39480, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

Also, for the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 9-298682, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,933,513.

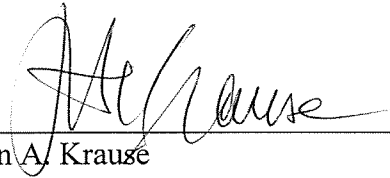
Non-U.S. documents 2000-295497, 57-127364, 9-247449, 1-156069 and 7-219494, which are cited in the submitted foreign Office Actions, are not listed on the PTO Form-1449, since they are already of record in this application.

Included with this Information Disclosure Statement is a check for \$180.00 to cover the required fee. Please charge any deficiency in this fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-3939.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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